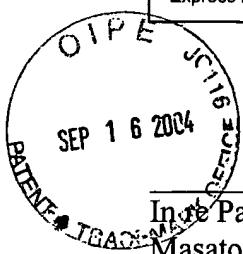


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Art Unit: 3727

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For: **SEALING ELEMENT, HERMETIC  
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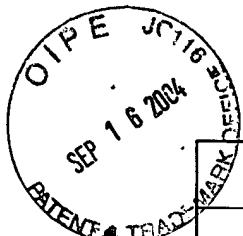
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In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004 (Paper No. 20040611), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.



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